

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Active-ingredient-containing formulation ~~withcomprising~~ a plurality of active-ingredient-containing phases ~~which is characterized in that~~wherein the formulation ~~hascomprises~~ a first innermost finely divided phase (I) which consists of active ingredient or active ingredient solution, ~~of which preferably~~wherein at least some phase particles ~~optionally~~ are surrounded with a barrier mantle (M), and that the formulation has a second, middle phase (II) which serves as dispersant for the first, inner phase (I) and in which active ingredient may likewise be dissolved, and ~~that the~~ formulation has a third outer phase (III) which serves as dispersant for the second middle phase and in which active ingredient may in turn be present in dissolved form and/or in the form of solid particles, which ~~again may be~~optionally are surrounded with a barrier mantle.
2. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the intermediate phase (II) ~~when applying the formulation to a surface~~ acts as mechanical stabilization of the innermost phase (I)-~~and thus brings about a longer service life of the dispersion of the innermost phase (I).~~
3. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to Claim 1-~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in~~ that~~wherein~~ a plurality of biologically effective active ingredients in the various phases are combined in varying concentrations and with a release rate which is controlled in each case in a single formulation.

4. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to ~~one~~ of Claims 1-~~to~~3, characterized in ~~that~~wherein the formulation limits the release of the active ingredient from the innermost phase by choosing a suitable solvent for the outer phase.
5. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to ~~one~~ of Claims 1-~~to~~4, characterized in ~~that~~wherein the barrier mantle in the various phases is a microcapsule.
6. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to Claim 5, characterized in ~~that~~wherein the microcapsule of the barrier mantle is based on a polymer.
7. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to ~~one~~ of Claims 1-~~to~~6, characterized in ~~that~~wherein the outer third phase is an oil phase, ~~preferably of silicone oil or castor oil~~.
8. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to ~~one~~ of Claims 1-~~to~~7, characterized in ~~that~~wherein the inner second phase is based on gelatin.
9. (Currently Amended) Use of the A method for the controlled release of an active ingredient in a patient comprising administering to said patient a formulation according to one of Claim 1.